

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

***Special Called Meeting***

**AGENDA**

Lumpkin County Courthouse  
Conference Room  
Dahlonega, Georgia  
February 8, 2006  
8:30 A.M.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gooch

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- Proposals for Computer Consulting Services

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- Yahoola Creek Reservoir

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Future Board Meetings:

- Called Work Session – Courthouse
- Board Meeting – City Hall
- Board Work Session – City Hall
- Board Meeting – City Hall

Feb. 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.  
Feb. 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.  
Mar. 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.  
Mar. 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearings:

- Beer & Wine Alcoholic Beverage License

Feb. 16, 2006 at 8:45 a.m.

**V. ADJOURN**

Chairman Gooch

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE  
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 8, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special called meeting was called to order by Chairman Gooch at 8:33 a.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers, and Marvin Martin.

**AGENDA**

**Motion**

John Raber made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Proposals for Computer Consulting Services

County Manager Stan Kelley explained that the County has been using computer consulting services on an as needed basis for the past year. This year a request for proposals for computer consulting services was advertised with sealed bids due February 1, 2006. The County received four bids.

Mr. Kelley stated that the staff recommendation is to go with Anderson Computer & Network Service, Inc. While they are not the lowest bidder, they have extensive knowledge of our system and have presented a proposal above what the County asked for to hopefully accomplish some goals of network security and consolidation.

**Motion**

Marvin Martin made a motion to accept Bid #4 – Anderson Computer & Network Service, Inc. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Yahoola Creek Reservoir

Chairman Gooch opened the floor to discussion of outstanding issues between the City of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County regarding the Yahoola Creek Reservoir.

The following items were discussed:

1. County will purchase all land except 51 acres, which the City will purchase at \$13,500.00 per acre.  
*City and County agree on this point.*

City Manager Bill Lewis who was in attendance at the meeting requested a letter for the City to take to the financial people.

**Motion**

Marvin Martin made a motion to allow the City of Dahlonega to purchase 51 acres of the reservoir property and Lumpkin County will purchase the remaining acres. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

Chairman Gooch said he would like to see the County make some improvements to the park and land around the reservoir, and create a master plan for the reservoir.



Sallie Sorohan, Chair of the Trails Committee was recognized to speak. She requested that the Trails Committee be permitted input into how the land is used prior to development. Sallie said the Trails Committee already has a grant of \$100,000 for use on the trails. Easements are a concern to gain access for development.

2. The City will purchase 54% of water; the County will purchase 46%.
3. The City will purchase the County's 46% of the raw water intake at the cost to build.  
*This point was placed on hold.*
4. The City will build a new water treatment plant to supply City and County needs.  
*City and County agree on this point.*
5. The County will purchase 46% of the water treatment plant production plant & well capacity.  
*City and County agree to drop this point.*
6. Both the County and City governments will support a SPLOST with the City getting 20% for a water treatment plant. The County will get 80% for their various projects.  
*City and County agree on this point.*

Commissioner Hutcheson stated her concern about annexation by the City of Dawsonville and what impact that would have on the SPLOST percentages.

Chairman Gooch asked County Manager Stan Kelley to provide the board with the items needed to be on the November ballot.

Mayor Gary McCullough who was in attendance said that with the County's permission the City would like to start the permit process to withdraw water from Lake Lanier.

Chairman Gooch suggested that everything be put into an agreement. Mayor McCullough said the City could draw up an agreement.

Chairman Gooch said he had met Monday with Senator Chip Pearson and Dr. Carol Couch, Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Div. (EPD). Senator Pearson has prepared a bill that will relax buffer requirements. Dr. Couch is agreeable to relaxation of buffers because buffers alone will not provide the quality of water the state wants. The bill prepared by Senator Pearson requires that a 50 ft. buffer must be purchased. Right now the public is allowed only walking access to buffer areas because they are generally privately owned. This causes other issues to arise due to the owner's use. Chairman Gooch said some positive things are happening and suggested the City stay in touch with GMA and ACCG.

#### COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Kelley said he wanted to update the board on a few items. Mr. Kelley said that the County Manager from White County wants to meet regarding forming a Joint Development Authority. Mr. Kelley asked about the Joint Development Authority between Dawson and Lumpkin Counties. The previous agreement with Dawson County is still in existence though not active. The Chairman stated that he sees no reason to dissolve the agreement but feels that the County can make other agreements as needed. This provides tax advantages.

Mr. Kelley informed the board that there would be a representative from the Timken Foundation at 4:30 p.m. on Monday or 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday to meet with the County. It was decided that Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. would be best.

Ms. Dawn Clark, Director of the Head Start Center has contacted Mr. Kelley and asked permission to erect a bronze statue in front of the Head Start Building in honor of the little boy who died recently in a car accident. Commissioner Martin suggested that a policy be created to deal with this type of request. Chairman Gooch asked Mr. Kelley to ask Ms. Clark for a drawing of the proposed stature.



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Mr. Kelley said Park and Recreation Board Members have contacted him as to whether board members and their families are allowed to participate in Park and Recreation programs at no charge.

**Motion**

Marvin Martin made a motion to deny free services to Park and Recreation Board Members participating in Park and Recreation programs. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Gooch said he would like to start the process for the next Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). Chairman Gooch requested that departments submit a list during the next 30 to 60 days of needs along with funding justification. The Chairman pointed out the board needs to create a master plan looking at all the needs across the board.

**COMMISSIONERS**


Commissioner Stowers said he feels the board needs to look at the thing we are out of compliance with and address those with SPLOST.

Commissioner Martin told the board of an incident in White County where an official refereeing a sport event was attacked. Commissioner Martin feels we need to be sure we are prepared to handle this type of situation.

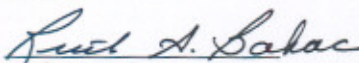
**ADJOURN**

Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Deborah Hutcheson and seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

2/16/2006  
Date

  
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Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
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Ruth A. Bohac  
Clerk, Lumpkin County